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: Notice UTU66366
: T.3S., R.21E. Section 29
: NW1/4NW1/4 (Salt Lake Meridian)

Notice Expired Reclamation Required

Notice, UTU-66366 was filed with this office on October 2, 1989. The Surface Management regulations, 43 CFR 3809.333, require that an operator wishing to extend his/her notice which was on file as of January 20, 2001, notify the BLM in writing on or before the expiration date, January 20, 2003, and meet the financial guarantee requirements of 43 CFR 3809.503. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) did not receive written notification that you wish to extend your UTU-66366 by January 20, 2003 (extended to January 21, 2003 due to a federal holiday). Because you have not met the requirements under §3809.333, your notice, UTU66366, expired on January 20, 2003.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.335, you must immediately cease all operations with the exception of reclamation. An inspection of the site subject to your notice on March 27, 2003 revealed reclamation obligations. To ensure that you meet the standards described in 3809.1-3 (d), the following items must be completed:

- The excavation into the base of the sandstone ridge (T.3S., R.21E., Section 29 in the east-central part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter; see image 1 enclosed) must be filled. The excavated material nearby should be adequate. Should the nearby material not be adequate, you must promptly notify this office. We will jointly inspect the progress of the filling at that time and determine the appropriate course of action. The wire fence around the opening must be removed from the public lands upon the completion of the filling.

- The small pile of material nearby (see image 2 enclosed) is to be removed from the public lands.

- Due to the relatively small scope of your operation, our office has not directed the area to be seeded upon the filling of the excavation and the removal of the miscellaneous materials nearby. However, we may require you to reseed the subject area based upon our post-reclamation inspection.

You must notify this office before you start reclamation and again upon completion of reclamation. BLM will schedule an inspection to verify whether you have met your reclamation obligations and notify you promptly in writing of the results of the inspection and close your notice if appropriate.

Your reclamation obligation continues beyond the expiration of your notice until such time as BLM determines that the reclamation is satisfactorily completed. Failure to begin reclamation promptly or to conduct reclamation to BLM specified standards is subject to the enforcement actions specified in 43 CFR 3809.601 to 43 CFR 3809.701.

If you wish to resume operations you may postpone reclamation if you file either a new notice pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.301 or a plan of operations pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.401 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The performance standards outlined in 43 CFR 3809.420 and the financial guarantee requirements provided in 43 CFR 3809.500, et seq., applies to both notices and plans. The notice must be accepted or the plan of operations must be approved and a financial guarantee accepted prior to any additional earth disturbing activities occurring at this site. If the newly submitted notice is not accepted or the plan of operations is not approved or you do not timely post the appropriate financial guarantee as requested for either a notice or a plan of operation, you must begin reclamation within 30 days of BLM's decision finding that the new notice or plan of operations or financial guarantee is incomplete or unacceptable.

If you do not agree and are adversely affected by this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 3809.804, you may request that the Utah BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director review, the request must be received in the Utah BLM State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this decision. A copy of the request must also be sent to this office. The request must be in accordance with the provisions provided in 43 CFR 3809.805. If a State Director review is requested, this decision will remain in effect while the State Director review is pending, unless a stay is granted by the State Director. Standards for obtaining a stay are given below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision your request for review of this decision within 21 days of BLM's receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the Utah BLM State Office to determine when BLM receives the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21 day period in which to file your notice of appeal with the IBLA (see procedures below).

If you wish to bypass a State Director review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

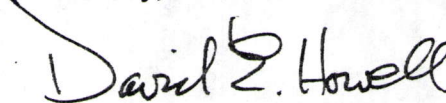
If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of this notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Sincerely,



David E. Howell
Field Manager

Enclosures:

Images of existing disturbances
Form 1842-1

cc: Wayne Hedberg, DOGM (there is no DOGM number for this notice) WLO ENCL